

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment After Final in reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 6, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed March 7, 2008. The Final Office Action rejected claims 24-41, 47, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Final Office Action also rejected claims 42-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Additionally, the Final Office Action rejected claims 42-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,355,126) over Debroche et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,281,289).

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that he would enter the amendments proposed by Applicant in the Amendment After Final filed on February 5, 2008. The Examiner further indicated that these amendments would overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, thereby placing claims 24-41 in condition for allowance. The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 42-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), but indicated that an amendment cancelling claims 42-57 would place the application in condition for allowance.

While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 42-57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants have cancelled claims 42-57. In accordance with the Examiner's statements in the Advisory Action, Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 116 and allowance of the application.

The Office Action and the Advisory Action contain characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicant does not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action and the Advisory Action.

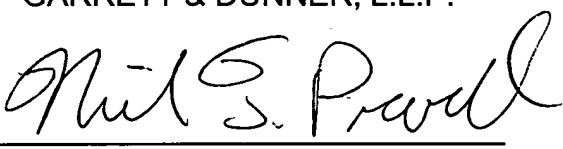
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If the Examiner believes a further telephone conversation might advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned agent at 202-408-4492.

Respectfully submitted,

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